



# Errol Village Newsletter

## OCTOBER 2021



Principal: Mr. Chris Coyle  
Secretary: Ms. Carolin Boersma  
[Errol Village Public School Website](#)

### Off and Running!

I want to start off by reiterating a message that I shared in the letter I sent home via email on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Our school is so fortunate to be supported by our entire community. There is no doubt that the recent re-organization of classrooms has been a challenging time for some, especially our students. Throughout that entire process, I was continually reminded of how committed and passionate our community is about Errol Village School. I've appreciated every chance to communicate with families and I learn something from every phone call, meeting, email, etc. I look forward to continuing this dialogue.

I've again been reminded how important it will be for our school to continue to work alongside families to ensure we are communicating in the best way we can about the various structures, strategies and processes involved within public education. Like last year, I will use the newsletter as a forum to share some of these aspects of public education in Ontario. There is a lot to be proud of at Errol Village and I look forward to deepening our collective awareness to keep student success at the forefront of all we do.

### Learning Continuums

Every child is on their own unique learning journey. As educators, we use learning continuums to help us guide student learning. These tools depict various learning concepts in a sequential order. Educators use diagnostic assessments to determine, on the continuum, the learning that students have demonstrated. Then, and most importantly, educators use various strategies to determine what the student's next step in learning should be and how it will be measured. Learning continuums are commonly used in literacy and most recently, our staff has been learning about a math continuum called [Lawson's Student Continuum of Numeracy Development](#). This link will show you the continuum for addition and subtraction. There is also a continuum for multiplication and division.

Regards,  
Mr. Coyle, Principal

### Daily COVID Screener

Each day before attending school, all students, staff and visitors must complete and follow the directions of the daily screener found here:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

All students experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should follow the directions of the COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. Students who arrive at school with symptoms during the day will be sent home.

### Upcoming Dates

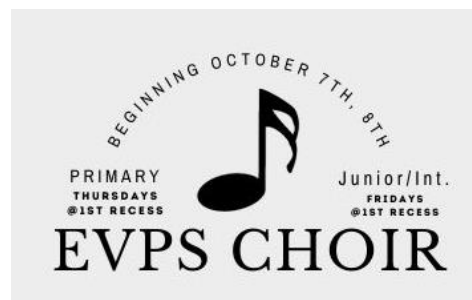
Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Orders Due
Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from Fire Dept.
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	EVPS Terry Fox Run
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day (no school for students)
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Fundraiser Pickup at the School
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Council Meeting

### Updated School Organization

Mrs. Giles	FDK Teacher
Mrs. Vergunst	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Kinney	FDK Teacher
Mrs. Kreeft	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Jeffrey	Gr. 1 Teacher
Mrs. Armitage	Gr. 1/2 Teacher
Mrs. Paisley	Gr. 2/3 Teacher
Mr. Maddock	Gr. 2/3/4 Teacher
Ms. Feniak	Gr. 4 Teacher
Mrs. Newman-Campbell	Gr. 5/6 Teacher

Mrs. Kerwin	Gr. 6/7 Teacher
Mr. Woolridge	Gr. 8 Teacher
Mrs. Bedard	Resource/Guidance/LLI
Mrs. Cressman	Arts Prep
Mr. Coqu	Core French/Prep
Ms. Theriault	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Stanley	Supervision Support
Ms. Boersma	Secretary
Mr. Ross	Custodian
Ms. Wylie	Custodian
Mr. Coyle	Principal

those who have joined choir, look for a newsletter coming home that explains a few more details. Be sure to read it over with your child/ren and return ASAP. We can't wait to begin!



### Terry Fox Run at EVPS!

This year we are proudly supporting The Terry Fox Foundation in its ongoing work to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs. This year we are going to do our Terry Fox Run on October 7<sup>th</sup> with cohorts running at the same time while maintaining social distancing. Please support our school by making a donation! Pledge sheets are not going to be sent home this year, but online donations can be made directly on [Errol Village's section of the Terry Fox website](#). Feel free to share this link with any family or friends who might want to support this cause.

We hope to live up to Terry's amazing example of persistence, dedication and consideration! Thank you for your kindness, Errol Village, as together we will impact the lives of so many people living with cancer.

### Violence Threat Risk Protocol

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of

### End of Day Dismissal

When alternate arrangements are made by families for dismissal times, we please ask that you notify the office. This will ensure that the message is communicated so staff and student are aware of the change.

### Lunch and Recess Times

Our school has moved back to everyone having nutrition break and recess at the same times. Therefore, the following times are now consistent for all grades:

11:05 – 11:25	1sr Nutrition Break
11:25 – 11:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Recess
1:25 – 1:45	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break
1:45 – 2:05	2 <sup>nd</sup> Recess

### Cross Country Team

Our cross-country team is currently practicing four times a week during first break. It's great to see so many Eagles involved in this club. Mr. Maddock will send updates to affected families as we learn more about the logistics of a district competition.

### Choir

Congratulations to all who successfully auditioned for our EVPS Choir! We are thrilled to enjoy singing together again within our health and safety protocols. Due to the incredible student response, we will be offering a Primary AND a Junior/Intermediate Choir this year. Our first "virtual performance" will be on Remembrance Day and then of course we will be preparing for our Virtual Winter Concert. If we are able, we will be exploring some collaborative options with other schools. Stay tuned! Your choir directors this year are Mrs. Jeffrey, Mrs. Kerwin, and Mrs. Cressman. Parents of

community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol.

If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed.

Link to Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violent Threat Risk Assessment Protocol:  
[https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=460&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement\\_Item#/=](https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=460&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/)

### Individual Education Plans

IEP's will go home, for parent consultation, on Friday October 15th

### School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Please contact Mr. Coyle via email if you would like more details about participating.

### Apple Fundraiser

Thank you to our School Council for organizing the first fundraiser of the year! Apple orders are due by end of day of October 5. Apples are \$7.50 per 5 lb. bag and come in 7 varieties. You can pick all your favourites! Forty percent of sales will go to support technology improvements in the classrooms.

Within School Cash Online, you can still use a credit card or Echeque out of your bank account. However, you can no longer put money in the wallet.

The orders will be picked up on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### School Climate Survey

Every voice counts. We want students and parents/guardians to share your thoughts about our school climate and whether you consider our school to be a safe and welcoming environment.

The Lambton Kent District School Board is conducting a School Climate Survey October 12-29, 2021 to gather input from students in Grades 4-12, parents/guardians and staff to inform program planning and support safe, welcoming and inclusive school environments.

All students in Grades 4-12 will be invited to participate in the

online survey during school hours. **Any parent/guardian who does not wish for their child to participate should contact the school principal prior to October 7, 2021.**

Parents/guardians: You are also invited to share your thoughts on the Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey from October 4-22, 2021. The link will be distributed to parents/guardians with an email on file. The link will also be posted on our school website.

Surveys will be anonymous and individualized results will be kept confidential; however, aggregated school and Board responses will be shared publicly (except in cases where individuals may be identified). It is expected the survey results will be publicly available in Fall 2021.

More information about the School Climate Survey is available [here](#).

### Truth and Reconciliation Week

During the week of Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, our school focused on learning about the truth of Indigenous treaties, languages and culture and First Nation, Metis and Inuit land claims. As a school, we know that more learning needs to happen. To that end, our students and staff reflected on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and we have created a list of topics that we would like to learn more about. We will use these questions to deepen our learning throughout the 2021-22 school year.

### Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene is explicitly taught by our staff and is very important to maintain a healthy child. Before transitioning to other activities, removal of face coverings, using learning tools, eating lunch, and using technology, etc., students are encouraged to either wash their hands at the sink or use the school-provided hand sanitizer. Signage and stations have been added to the school. Wall pumps for sanitizers have been installed throughout the school.

Here is a [helpful video](#) that we use during our morning announcements to remind us about the importance of hand hygiene.

### Daily Student Absences and Telephone Usage

We have a telephone answering service, therefore if your child is or will be absent, please call the school and leave a message. This assists us as we need to contact the parents of all absent students as part of our Safe Arrival Policy each day. The answering service can be accessed 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

To decrease the amount of office/class interruptions and phone calls home for students, we request that students take time at home to ensure they have what they need to be adequately prepared for classes. Lunches, books, projects, supplies, etc. should accompany the students when they

leave for school each day. This is vitally important during our COVID-19 guidelines as visitors are not expected at the school during the day. We do appreciate your cooperation and support in preparing your child(ren) to become responsible citizens.

### Accident Insurance

***The Lambton Kent District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports.***

*If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by their Government Health Insurance Plan or their employer's health care plan. The Board encourages all parents/guardians to review this or other available Student Accident Insurance plans, especially those with a child(ren) participating in medium to high-impact physical activities (both during school and outside of school hours).*

*The insuremykids® student accident insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits and affordable rates. Their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17 per year. All plans provide 24/7 coverage. For more information or to purchase insurance, please visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) or call 1-800-463-5437.*

The 2021/2022 Student Accident Insurance Program is available for purchase, beginning August 1, 2021 and expires September 30, 2022 no matter when it is purchased. For example: if someone purchases a new plan on October 2, 2021, it still expires September 30, 2022.

**Important Note: Purchases made prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> are for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year and are not prorated. Any purchases made prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, the policy will expire on September 30, 2021. Therefore, if purchasing a plan for the 2021/2022 school year, please do so, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 or later.**

### Bus Students/Inclement Weather

The Board's Transportation Department has placed schools in geographic zones. **Errol Village Public School is located in ZONE 1. However, we do have buses running in Zones 1 & 4.** Please visit [www.cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/](http://www.cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/) for updated information. When listening for cancellation of buses for fog/snow the zones will be announced for our students.

### School Cash Online

The Errol Village School community has done a tremendous job in registering and using School Cash Online. We will continue to expand our use of School Cash Online as we move into the new school year.

School Cash Online is a convenient, web-based solution that gives parents the ability to pay for student items online.

Parents/guardians can connect multiple students to their account; multiple parents/guardians can be connected to individual students. School staff will add items for your child for payment and indicate whether the item is optional or required. Parents will receive a notification when a new item has been added.

To set up an account and learn more, please contact Ms. Boersma. Additional information can be found at <https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

There is also a link on the [Errol Village Public School website](#) to connect using email.

